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A RELIGIOUS AND WORTHY SPEECH SPOKEN BY Mr. ROVSE IN PARLIAMENT.

CONCERNING

THE GOODS, LIBERTJES,

And Lives, of his *Majesties* Subjects.

Laying open, the *Paintings* that are used by the *Whore of Rome*, and *Arminianisme* amongst Us, to draw the people thereby to Idolatry.

By which meanes, they seeke both to take away our wealth and Religion, and the dangerous Consequence thereof.

With the neere *Correspondencie*, and *Allyance*, that is apparently evident to be betweene our Bishops, and the Bishop of *ROME*.

And the Remedy propounded, to redresse all such Greevances.

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A Religious and VVorthie Speech

Spoken in the High Court of Parliament by *Mr. Rouſe.*

Mr Speaker.

WEE have of late entred into the conſideration of the Petition of Right, and the violation of it, and upon good reaſon; for it concernes our *Goods, Liberties, and Lives.*

[But there is a Grant of higher Nature, that preſerves for us far greater things; eternall life, our ſoule, yea God himſelfe. A writ of *Religion* derived to us from the King of Kings, confirmed to us by the King of this Kingdome, enacted by Law in this place, ſtreaming downe to us in the bloud of the Martyrs, witneſſed from heaven by miracles, and miraculous wonders, and deliverances. And this right, in the name of this Nation, I this day claime, and deſire, that there be a ſerious conſideration had of the violation of it: my deſire is, that it may be conſidered, what new paintings are laid upon the face of the whore of Babylon, to make her ſeeme more lovely, and to draw ſo many the more Suters to her. I deſire it may be conſi-

ſidered, how the See of *Rome*, doth eate into our *Religion*, and fret into the bankes and walls of it.

The Lawes and Statutes of this *Realme*, eſpecially ſince thoſe Lawes have been made in manner by themſelves, even by their owne treaſons, and bloudy Deſignes.

And ſince that Popery is a confuſed miſt of Errour, caſting down Kings before Popes, the precepts of God, before the traditions of men, living and reaſonable men before dead, & ſenſeles ſtocks and ſtones: I deſire, that we conſider the encreaſe of *Arminianiſme*, and *Errour*, that maketh the grace of *God*, looke after the will of men: that maketh the ſheepe to keepe the ſhepheard; and make a mortall ſeed an immortall God. I deſire, that we may looke into the belly, and bowels of this *Trojan Horſe*, to ſee if there be no man in it, ready to open the gate of *Romiſh tyranny*, and *Spaniſh Monarchy*; for *Arminianiſme* is the ſpan of a papiſt, and if there come the warmth of favour, you ſhall ſee him turne into one of thoſe *frogs, that ariſeth out of the bottomleſſe pit*.

And if you marke it well, you ſhall ſee an *Arminian*, reaching one hand to a papiſt, a papiſt to a Ieſuit, a Ieſuit one hand to the Pope, and the other to the King of *Spaine*: and theſe men having kindled fire in our Neighbor-countries, now they have brought ſome of it over hither, to ſet on flame this Kingdome alſo.

Yea let us conſider, and ſearch, whether theſe be

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not the men, that breake in upon the goods, and *liberties* of this *Common-wealth*; for by this means, they may make way, for the taking away of our Religion. It was an old trick of the Divell, when he went to take away Jobs religion, hee began at his goods. *Lay thy hand on all that he hath, and hee will curse thee to thy face.*

Either they thinke hereby, to set distaste betwixt Prince & people, or to find some other way of supply to avoid, and breake Parliaments, that so they may break in upon our religion, and bring in their owne errours.

But let us doe, as Iob did, hee held fast his religion, & then his goods were restored with advantage. And if wee hold fast God and our religion, these things will be added unto us. Let us consider the times past, how we flourished in *honour*, when religion flourished amongst us: but as religion decayed, so the *honour and state of this Nation decayed.*

When the soule of a *Common-wealth* is dead, the body cannot long over-live it. If a man meete a dogge alone, the dogg is fearefull, though never so fierce by nature: but if that dog have his Master by him, he will set upon that man, from whom he fled before.

This ſheweth, that low natures being backed by higher, encreaſe in ſtrength and courage: and certainly, a man backed with omnipotence, is a kind of omnipotent thing; all things are poſſible to him that beleeveth, and all things being poſſible, there is a kind of omnipotence in them.

Wherefore, now let it be the unanimous conſent, as our reſolution formerly was, to make a vow, and Covenant, from henceforth to hold faſt our God, and Religion, and then ſhall we from henceforth, certainly expect *Proſperity, in this our Kingdome, and Nation, and to this, let every one ſay,* Amen.

A Correſpondency of the Pope with our Biſhops.

THe Pope writeth himſelfe Father, ſo doe they write themſelves reverend Fathers. The Pope ſells ſin for money, ſo doe they, as the whole Kingdome, and their Officers can well tell; and doth nothing without money ſo doe they. The Pope forbiddeth marriage and meats, &, which *Paul* calleth the Doctrine of Divels, ſo doe they in the ſame manner, whatſoever they pretend. The *Pope* commandeth ſuperſtitious Idoll-dayes to be kept & obſerved, contrary to the Commandements of God, and puniſheth the neglect of his Commandements more ſeverely, then the breach of the waighteſt Lawes of God: ſo do the Prelates, as their Courts can witneſſe; yea and command men, and compell them as the Pope himſelfe, to break the Commandements of God to obſerve vaine & impious traditions. The pope ſelleth Licences for meat & marriage, the Prelates do the ſame: the pope ſelleth *Nonreſidences, pluralities, trialities, totquots*, the Prelates doe the ſame, to the ſtarving & ruining of the ſoules of men. the pope ruleth and governeth the Church, by the curſed Canon-law, and popiſh Excommunications, the ſcalding of the Conſcience, the prelates doe the very ſame, and the breach of their ſtinkingeſt Canons is more deeply puniſhed in their Courts, then the violation of the Lawes of God and the King: the pope preferreth his Ceremonies and traditions before the Word of God, the prelates doe the ſame, as daily experience teacheth us: the pope perſecuteth all godly preachers and people, that preach the Goſpell in the purity of it, and deſire in ſincerity to ſerve the Lord, and would bring their *brethren to the knowledge of the ſame, and to the purity and truth of the Apoſtolicall Churches*, the *Prelats* do the like, as the whole Kingdome know-

knoweth well, and the Gaoles and prisons daily witnesse, and the silencing of so many learned and painfull Ministers: the Pope appoints his priests to stand at the Altar with the Deacon, apparell'd with his foppish and player-like accutriments, those Babylonish garments, and to cry out *Dominus vobiscum*, the Deacon and Sub-deacon, with all the rest of *Baals Priests*, answering him as loud as they can: the Bishops doe the same, saving onely that it is in English: the Pope commandeth adoration at the Sacrament, crossing of children in Baptisme, demanding of the new-born Babes, *if they will forsake the Divell, and all his workes, &c.* & esteemeth the Font more holy then other places; injoyeth likewise purifying of women, and a thousand such like costly and chargeable vanities, which were too tedious to relate: and all these and more then these doe the Prelates in like manner: in all which, their Antichristian Authority with their Popish practises, are sufficiently manifest: so that there is little or no difference betweene pope and prelates. And all Authority of doing this, they arrogate unto themselves *Iure divino*. Limbes therefore they are of Antichrist, from whom Dr. *Pocklington glorves*, that they are lineally discended, in his impious pamphlet, entituled *Sunday no Sabbath*.

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